

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/560,225  
Filed: DECEMBER 12, 2005  
For: FRICTION STIRRING-WELDING METHOD  
Group AU: 1793  
Examiner: Kiley Shawn Stoner  
Confirm. No.: 2697

**AMENDMENT**

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April 10, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2007, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.